

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

City of North Bend Newsletter

### **North Bend Names 2017 Employees of the Year**



Londi Lindell, Larry Shaw, Mayor Hearing

In an unprecedented tie vote, The City of North Bend named two Employees of the Year for 2017; Jennifer Bourlin, Utilities Coordinator and Larry Shaw, Lead Street Technician.

These two employees received the same number of votes from their coworkers.

Mayor Ken Hearing and staff recognized Jennifer and Larry for their many contributions and accomplishments on behalf of the City at the annual Wellness Employee Recognition Luncheon held on December 14.



Londi Lindell, Jennifer Bourlin, Mayor Hearing

Bourlin was recognized for exemplary customer services skills, politeness and quiet confidence as she attends to utility customers.

Mayor Hearing and staff also recognized Shaw on his outstanding, tireless commitment to the City staff and the citizens of North Bend.

The Mayor also recognized the Wellness Committee for the work they do all year long in support of staff and the Wellness program.

### **City Welcomes Two New Businesses to North Bend**

Wildflower Wine Shop opened in their new location at the old North Bend fire station at 112 West 2nd St. on Saturday, November 25. They are partnering with JazzClubsNW to create a complete experience of gourmet food, wine and music every Wednesday through Sunday, 4:00 to 9:30 p.m.



Iron Duck Public House offers premium food and an extensive beer, wine, cocktail and whiskey selection. Located at 101 West North Bend Way, Iron Duck is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.





# Friendly This Holiday Season

- 1. Enjoy that Holiday latte, but remember that your cup should be Empty, Clean and Dry before you toss it in the recycling container.
- 2. Shipping gifts? Reuse last year's bubble wrap and foam packing, or try using shredded paper instead.
- 3. When giving gifts, commit to reusing laminated bags next year. You may recycle the paper ones.
- 4. After opening gifts, remember to recycle wrapping paper even the sparkly stuff but save or trash the ribbons and bows. Remember, Styrofoam packaging is not recyclable. Reuse or trash it.
- 5. If Santa brings you a new device, make sure your old phone or tablet does not get tossed in with the recycling.



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# 2017 Citizen of the Year Presentation Set for Jan. 16

The City of North Bend asked the community for nominations for its 2017 Citizen of the Year Award.

The Citizen of the Year is an individual or business that has gone above and beyond to make North Bend a better place to live through professional or volunteer efforts, or by an extraordinary contribution to the community.

"We want to honor those who have shown, through their initiative and actions, that they truly care about the community," said Mayor Ken Hearing.

The prestigious award is awarded



Winter is upon us and with that comes snow. The City's snow plows will soon be deploying to clear our streets. Here are a few tips to make sure your streets are accessible for the plows.

- 1. If possible, do not park vehicles on the street or cul-de-sac.
- 2. Walk on the left side of the road (facing traffic) so the drivers see you.
- 3. Never shovel snow from sidewalks and driveways into the street.

Pile snow from your driveway to the right side facing the street.

4. Shovel any catch basins that may be in front of your home.

### **Arbor Day Tree Planting Event**



The City of North Bend proclaimed Friday, Nov. 3 as **Arbor Day 2017**.

Local Girl Scout troops helped Mayor Ken plant 5 new trees at Torguson Park in downtown North Bend.





annually to people and businesses whose hard work, spirit and dedication make our community great. Nominations were due December 20, 2017.

This year's winner will be announced at the January 16, 2018 City Council Meeting.

North Bend Residents and Business Owners Encouraged to Take Police Services Survey; Deadline is Dec. 22



North Bend residents and business owners are encouraged to take a confidential online survey designed to provide a better understanding of the perceptions of the community on the topics of public safety, crime, and police operations. The results of this survey will allow the Snoqualmie Police Department and North Bend administrative staff to continue to review and determine what can be done to best serve citizens' safety and security needs. The deadline to complete the survey is December 22, 2017.

#### Take the online survey now!

#### City Council Meetings

Dec. 19 - Council meeting cancelled

Dec. 26 - Council Workstudy cancelled

Jan. 2 - Council meeting cancelled

Jan. 9 - 7:00 p.m. Special Workstudy (tentative)

Jan. 16 - 7:00 p.m. at Mount Si Senior Center

Jan. 23 - Council Retreat at 9:00 a.m.

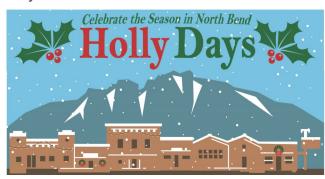
Jan. 23 - Council Workstudy (tentative)



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Holly Days
Holiday Festival
in Downtown
North Bend
Attracted Over
250 People

Over 250 community members braved the rain and cold weather for North Bend's annual holiday festival and tree lighting event Friday through Sunday, Dec. 1 through 3.

Attendees enjoyed the Holly Days festivities, including holiday shopping with local merchants, photos with Santa Claus, local live performances and more. The Holly Days Downtown Community tree lighting ceremony took place at the corner of Main Avenue and North Bend

Way. Spirits were high as people warmed up near the fire pits and in stores.

Santa made an appearance at The Iron Duck Public House at 102 W North Bend Way and also at the Mount Si Senior Center. Both the senior center and Si View Community Center held a holiday bazaar with gifts and refreshments.

A special thank you to Keith & Scott Tree Farms for donating the tree and to Tanner Electric for installing the lights.

#### Fifth-Grader Spreads Holiday Cheer with Hot Chocolate Stand

Thomas Biggins, a fifth grader at Snoqualmie Elementary, set up a hot chocolate stand at the Visitor Information Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Visitor Information Center during the Holly Days festival on December 2. Festival goers lined up the entire day to warm up with the hot chocolate and to support the Biggin's chosen non-profit organization, Snoqualmie Valley Shelter Services. All of the proceeds benefited the Shelter Services.

"There just aren't enough adequate services for this vulnerable population," Camille Biggins, Thomas' mom, said. "While we are proud of our part in the hot



Thomas Biggins sells hot chocolate at VIC to benefit local shelter services during Holly Days.

chocolate stand's success, I think it's really important to understand that the stand's success is due to our Valley residents."



